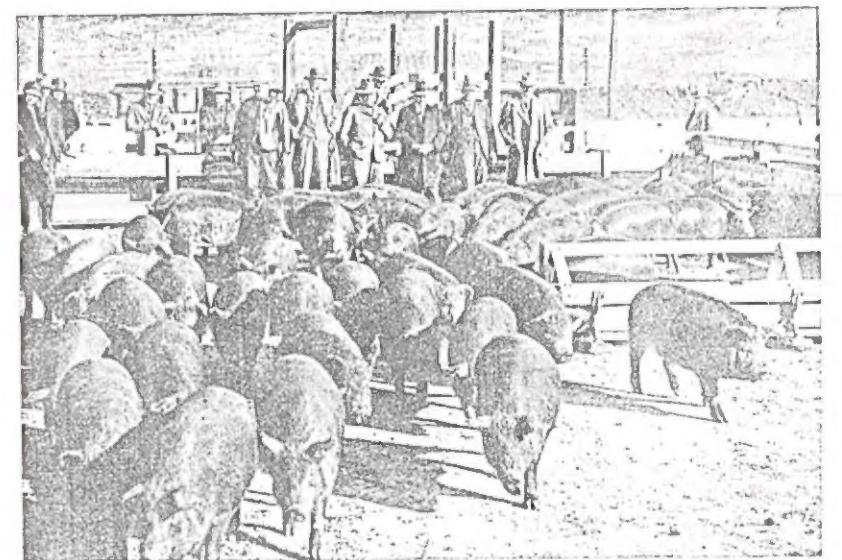
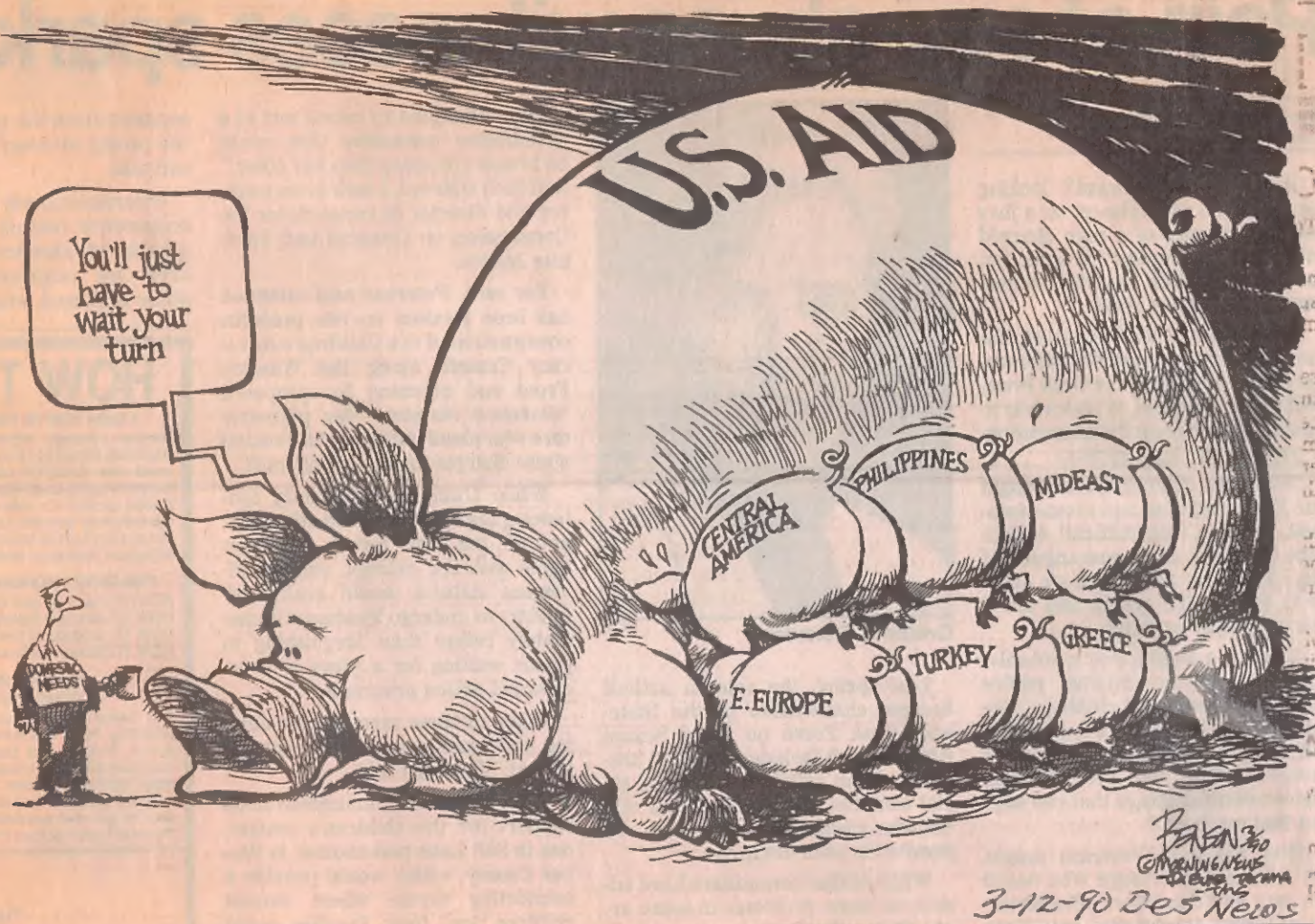


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UTAH HOGS AT MARKET
Courtesy Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce.

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3 (relatively) little pigs wolf down awards

■ **Family affair:** Murray clan's well-groomed, vivacious hogs sweep honors at the county fair.

By Sheila Van Camp 8-10-90
Deseret News staff writer

MURRAY — Loving a pig isn't hard.

Especially if it earns you the highest recognition at the Salt Lake County Fair, 5189 South State Street.

And that's exactly what happened to the Alm family this week when three of their nine hogs received the highest awards during the swine livestock exhibition.

The 6-month-old pigs, a Yorkshire and two Hampshires weighing 252, 245 and 250 pounds, entered the fair's competition amid applause and expressions of admirations from fair officials surprised at the animals' behavior.

On Wednesday, fair officials reported Patty Porkchop, whose black, coarse bristles stick straight up when she is upset, began fighting with 20 other hogs competing in her category.

The same day, when most pigs were sleeping or rolling in the mud, grand-prize champion white Ziggy Piggy was performing pet tricks while an audience of about 100 people cheered and clapped.

Third prize winner, Black Eyeliner, just followed the other two pigs wherever they went. The three pigs competed against 50 other hogs during the 54th Salt Lake County Livestock exhibit.

"I usually think I'm going to win," said Brian Alm, 18, who owns Patty Porkchop. "I treat them like pets."



PHOTOGRAPHY/ GARY McKELLAR

Brian and Melanie Alm congratulate Patty Porkchop and Ziggy Piggy on their big wins at fair.

Despite their unusual characteristics, the family will sell all three pigs Friday during the fair's livestock auction. They will also sell one pig to help the 4-H club program.

Brent and DeAnn Alm, Brian's parents, have been involved in the fair since they can remember, attending the event religiously every year.

"It's a lot of work. When other kids are out having fun with their

friends, our kids are home leading their pigs, training them to lead for the judges," DeAnn said. "They have to wash them, shave their ears, bellies and tails and keep a record book on all their feed."

Melanie Alm, 14, the proud owner of Ziggy Piggy, said hogs are good pets. "They oink and sleep. They're easier than a dog."

Brian, Juliannand Melanie Alms will be representing Salt Lake Coun-

ty in the national fair in Chicago.

"I'm the only girl in my high school that even owns a pig. People think it's cool that I live on a pig farm," Juliann said. "My pigs can roll in the mud and squeal really loud."

The Alms own nine pigs, two lambs, several horses, ducks and cows. The family, along with hundreds of Utahns, attended the fair, which continues through Saturday.



Piggie Wig and Piggie Wee,
Hungry pigs as pigs can be,
For their dinner had to wait
Down behind the barnyard gate.

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Piggie Wig and Piggie Wee,
Climbed the barnyard gate to see,
Peeking through the gate so high,
But no dinner could they spy.

Piggie Wig and Piggie Wee,
Got down sad as pigs could be,
But the gate soon opened wide,
And they scampered forth outside.

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Piggie Wig, and Piggie Wee,
What was their delight to see,
Dinner ready not far off
Such a full and tempting trough.

Piggie Wig and Piggie Wee,
Greedy pigs as pigs could be,
For their dinner ran pell-mell;
In the trough the piggies fell.

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THIS ISSUE'S PIG WINNER!



"Thanks for the weather boar-cast, Bob. Now over to you, Bruce, with the snorts..."

INSPIRED by the nightly news (or perhaps the farm report?), Lynn Pursley of Leander, Texas came up with the winning caption in this issue's "Pig Pun" contest.

Lynn's swine line appears below the photo, and she wins our new regular prize—a pig teakettle from

our Country Store division. This pink kettle looks like a pig and even squeals when the water's ready!

Runner-up swine lines included: "...then he huffed, and he puffed and he blew my house down," from Pam Rothenmaier of Jackson, Wyoming; "Three sowsparrillas, please!" from Regina Svec of La Crosse, Wisconsin; and "To hog or not to hog, that is the question," from Genelle Tennyson of Great Falls, Montana.

These also pigkled our fancy: "Where are we, George? I don't recognize the sowroundings," from Marlene Fleeger of Howell, Michigan; and "Peeking over the outfield fence is a swine way to watch a



Got a Pig Pun for This Photo?

NOW'S your chance to dish up some captions for our next "Pig Pun" contest.

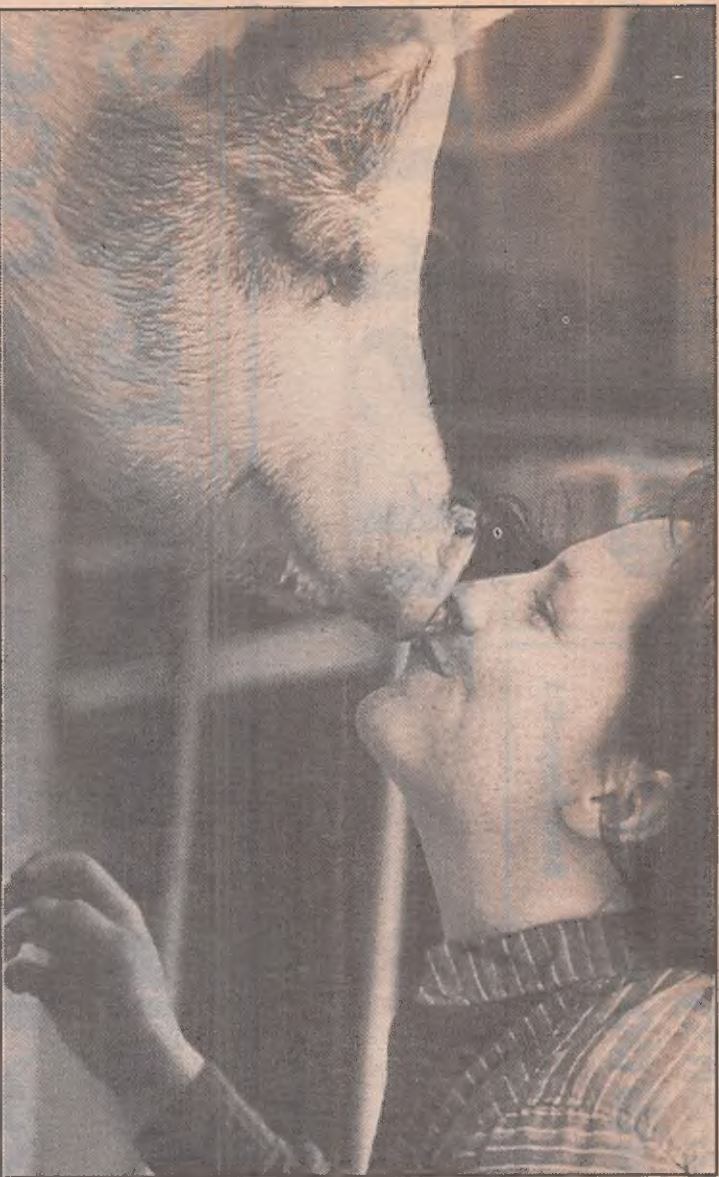
The photo above was sent in by Egon Firl of Hudson, New York, and he wins a pig teakettle.

If you can come up with a humorous caption, send your "swine line" to: Pig Pun, 5925 Country Lane, Greendale WI 53129. If we choose your caption, you'll win a pig teakettle, too!

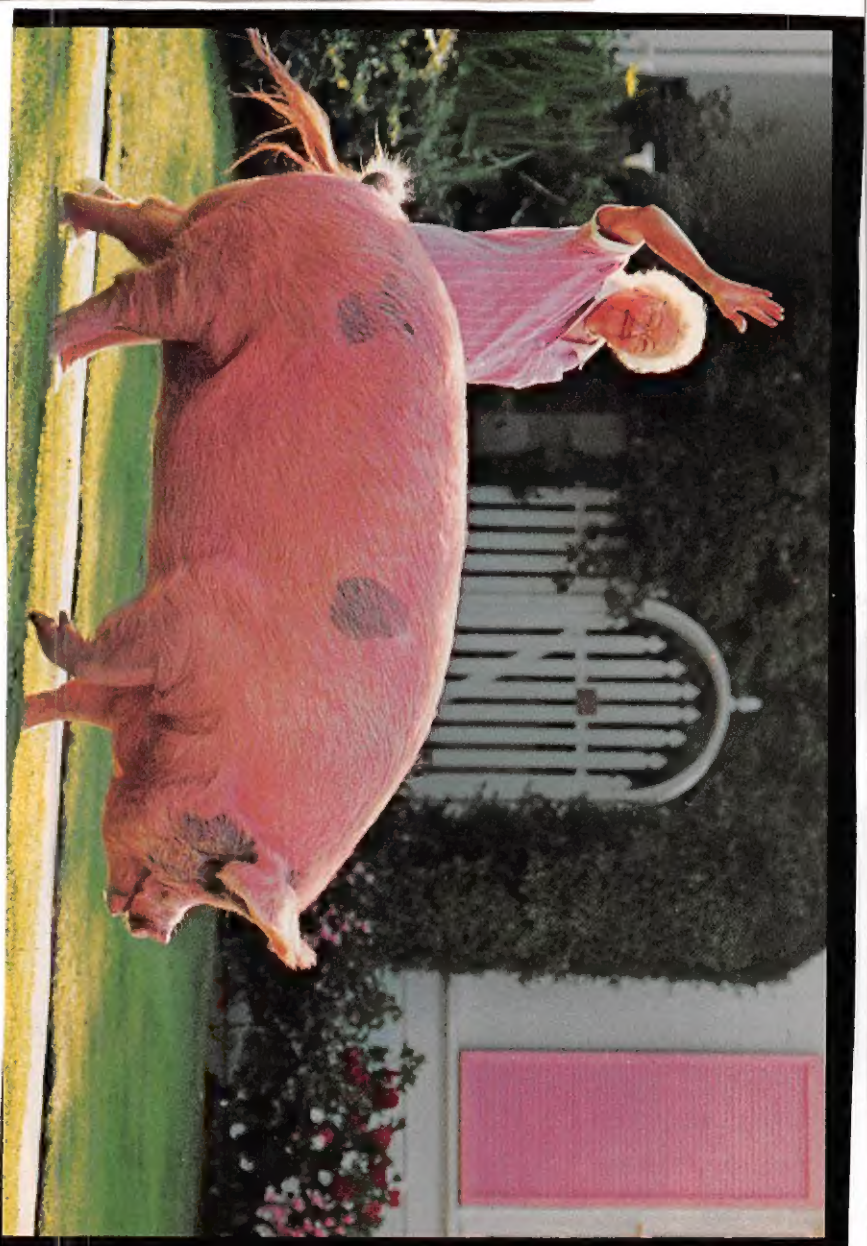
baseball game," from Kelly Braddock of Southampton, New Jersey.

Shanks to everyone who submitted such hamusing puns.

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A porker pucker — Animal science graduate student Kathy Meurer of Tolono, Ill., gets an affectionate greeting from Frannie, one of the subjects in a research project at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss. *4-14-89*



To John "Pig" Hansen

See Home in 3rd Ward

6-23-87 asked Dorothy Eggleston - see 3rd Ward Book

6-25 asked Florence Anderson - yes

She said her mother used to put on
hot water in boiler



He would test
how hot it was

by putting in hand in it.

He scalded pig in wooden barrel
Then scrape the hair off the pig

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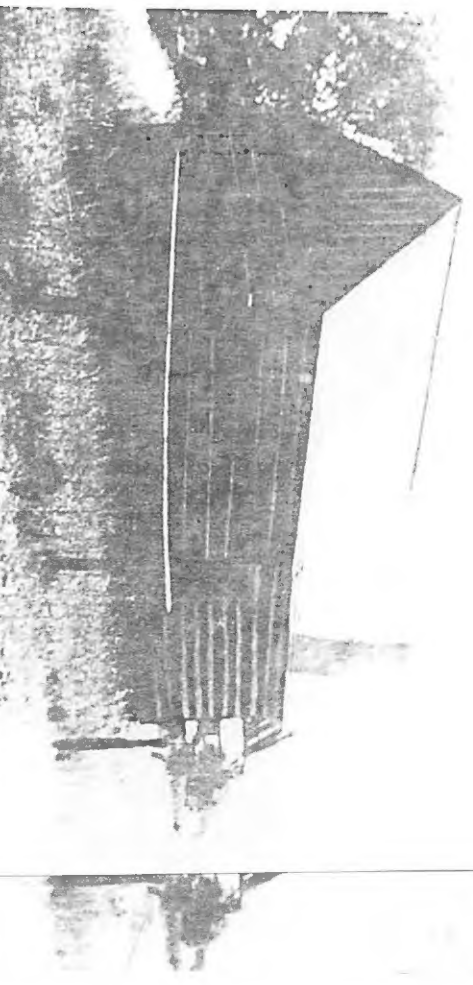


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of his log home from 3rd Ward Book

6-26-87 mounted picture

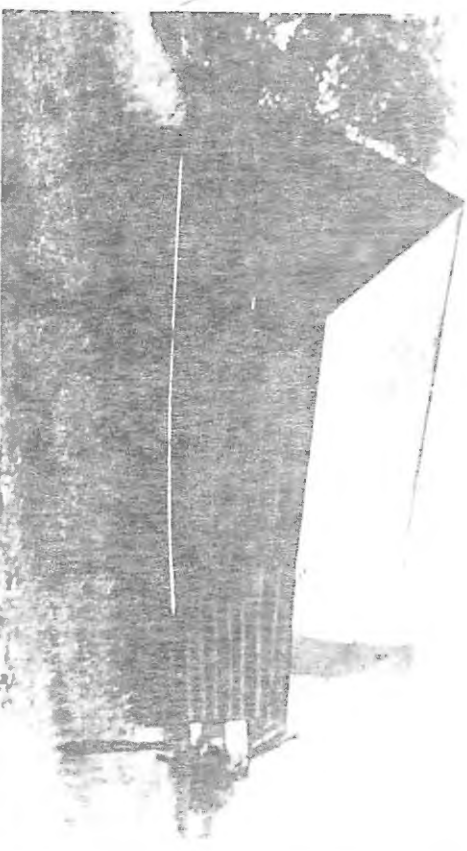
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Look in HBAM

John ("Pig") Hansen



The old John Hansen home occupied the northeast corner where the chapel now stands. (240 East 400 South)

John ("Big") Hansen



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